

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### SOCIAL WORK MONTH

#### HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, Guam has designated the month of March 2001 as "Social Work Month"—the focus revolving around the 23rd Anniversary of the Guam Association of Social Workers (GASW), their 20th annual training conference and the formal establishment of the Guam Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW).

For the past 23 years GASW has endeavored to establish a network that would provide professional support for social workers in the region. Already in its 20th year, the annual GASW training conference has served to promote and facilitate this objective. This year, conferees from the many islands of Micronesia gathered together on Guam to discuss, learn, and share the latest issues, techniques, and information pertaining to the rapidly changing and demanding field of Social Work.

This year's theme, "Trends in Health, Technology and Human Services," focused upon key issues such as the formation of communities through the processes of inclusion and exclusion, the complex situations of the people involved, and the need for increased skill, thorough analysis, creative visions, and solutions in order for social workers to become better advocates for the community. These issues were addressed and their objectives were met.

This year also marks the establishment of the Guam Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). After seven years of negotiations and plenty of hard work, the organization's president Gerard Schwab recently announced that the board of directors had approved their by laws and articles of incorporation. The Chapter is now registered with the Guam Department of Revenue and Taxation. With creation of the Guam Chapter, members within the region stand to benefit from access to the resources of the national association. In addition, Guam is now a voting member of the NASW in national social policy matters. I am sure that this organization will bring together colleagues in the field of Social Work enabling them to pool their resources together and work collectively towards mutual benefits.

"Social Work Month" culminated with an awards dinner where awards for Community Service and the Social Worker of the Year were presented. This year's Community Service Award was presented to the Community Social Development Unit (CSDU) of the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA). Dr. Ulla-Katfina Craig was named Social Worker of the Year.

First established in 1996, CSDU was brought about by the Department of Youth Affairs to provide community-based outreach programs to troubled youth and their families. From one satellite office, CSDU has now ex-

panded to three district offices where approximately 30 programs are administered by 40 professional staff members. Staff members work weekends and holidays providing services to more than 400 clients per week.

Dr. Craig is the director of the Micronesian Health and Aging Studies at the University of Guam. Originally, an engineer, she decided to shift her area of concentration in order to closely work with people rather than spend her time inanimate objects. She has published numerous articles and is considered an authority on aging and neurological and behavioral disorders. Having worked closely with Dr. Craig, I can vouch for the fact that she is a great communicator, advocate and nurturer. She has a personable, approachable and loving way that crosses over language, culture and social barriers.

Also deserving of note are the Guam Alliance for Mental Health Incorporated (GAMHI), the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority, and PacificCare Asia Pacific, this year's nominees for the Community Service Award. Louise Toves, Grace R. Taitano, and Monica Tinkham, on the other hand, were the nominees for Social Worker of the Year. They are all winners in my book.

As we go about with our daily lives, we must take a moment to reflect upon the services provided by the people dedicated to the field of Social Work. With the recent unfortunate incidents plaguing the nation, especially, the island of Guam, we depend upon these people to provide the necessary guidance and direction that will enable us to heal and, hopefully, prevent future problems. I congratulate this year's awardees, the Guam Association of Social Workers (GASW), and the Guam Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). I urge them to keep up the good work and I wish them all the best in the years to come.

#### CROATIAN SONS LODGE NUMBER 170

#### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to congratulate the Croatian Sons Lodge Number 170 of the Croatian Fraternal Union on the festive occasion of its 94th Anniversary and Golden Member banquet on Sunday, April 29, 2001.

This year, the Croatian Fraternal Union will hold this gala event at the Croatian Center in Merrillville, Indiana. Traditionally, the anniversary celebration entails a formal recognition of the Union's Golden Members, those who have achieved fifty years of membership. This year's honorees who have attained fifty years of membership include: Edwin C. Bronikowski, Anthony Bucich, Virginia Carija, Anna Gee, Mary Kocevar, Michael E. Krall, Catherine Michael, Basil Movchan, Dorothy Pavlakovic,

Ethel M. Podrebarac, Rose Marie Radulovich, Martha Sablich, Mary Stewart, and Theresa M. Znika.

These loyal and dedicated individuals share this prestigious honor with over 300 additional Lodge members who have previously attained this important designation.

This memorable day will begin with a morning mass at Saint Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Gary, Indiana, with the Reverend Father Benedict Benakovich officiating. The festivities will be culturally enriched by the performance of several Croatian musical groups. The Hoosier Hrvati Adult Tamburitza Orchestra directed by Jerry Banina, the Croatian Glee Club "Preradovic," and the Croatian Strings Tamburitza and Junior Dancers directed by Dennis Barunica will perform at this gala event. A formal dinner banquet will end the day's festivities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Lodge president Betty Morgavan, and all the other members of the Croatian Fraternal Union Lodge Number 170, for their loyalty and radiant display of passion for their ethnicity. The Croatian community has played a key role in enriching the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana. It is my hope that this year will bring renewed hope and prosperity for all members of the Croatian community and their families. I am proud to represent these gifted residents of the First Congressional District of Indiana.

#### RECOGNIZING VALOR IN THE CAPTURE OF JAMIL ABDULLAH AL-AMIN

#### HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, all too often, federal law enforcement agents are criticized for problems that occur under their watch, without receiving the same level of attention when things go well. In an effort to partially correct this trend, I would like to commend three employees of the United States Marshals Service (USMS) for their extraordinary bravery in the capture of Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin.

Formerly known as H. Rap Brown, Al-Amin has a long history of encouraging and participating in violent action. That history continued, when on March 16, 2000, he shot two Fulton County, Georgia sheriff's deputies. After learning that Al-Amin was hiding in the Selma, Alabama area, a federal manhunt began.

After Al-Amin was located in a wooded area, he fired upon USMS personnel with an assault rifle. Despite the danger Al-Amin posed to their lives, Inspectors Jerry Lowery and Joseph Parker, and Deputy U.S. Marshal James Ergas maneuvered through the snake infested woods toward Al-Amin.

They succeeded in containing the armed suspect for two hours while awaiting backup,

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and established a perimeter. Due to their competence and bravery, Al-Amin was arrested without further loss of life, and the weapons he used in both incidents were recovered.

The bravery of Inspectors Lowery and Parker, and Deputy Ergas is yet another example of the high standards of professionalism and dedication honored by federal law enforcement officers every day. I add my voice to the many others who truly appreciate the work they do to keep our homes, schools, and neighborhoods safe.

#### STRUCTURED SETTLEMENT PROTECTION ACT

#### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I join today with Mr. Shaw and a broad bipartisan group of our colleagues from the House Ways and Means Committee in introducing the Structured Settlement Protection Act.

I was the Chairman of the Ways and Means Subcommittee that considered the original bipartisan legislation in 1982 that enacted the structured settlement tax rules. The Ways and Means Committee, acting on a bipartisan basis, adopted the structured settlement tax rules that are in the Code today to provide long-term financial protection to seriously-injured victims and their families, so that these families would not have to turn to taxpayer-financed programs to meet their basic living and medical needs.

As a long-time supporter of structured settlements, I have been gravely concerned about the impact of so-called "factoring"—in which future damage payments are sold off for a discounted lump sum—on this long-term financial security that Congress intended to achieve for injured victims and their families. That is why I have worked actively with Mr. Shaw and our colleagues on the Ways and Means Committee over several years to put forward legislation to protect structured settlements and the injured victims and their families who depend upon them.

The Structured Settlement Protection Act that we are introducing today with broad bipartisan support on the Ways and Means Committee will bring a final resolution to the factoring issue, protecting the hundreds of thousands of structured settlement recipients and the longstanding Congressional policy of almost two decades.

The Act works in conjunction with complementary State structured settlement protection legislation that already has been enacted by 19 States and is under active consideration in an additional 20 States. The Act and the complementary State legislation rely upon a State court review process to ensure that the structured settlement fulfills its intended purpose of providing long-term financial protection for injured people, while enabling the victim to get access to future payments if the court determines that such access is in the best interests of the injured person, taking into account the welfare and support of his or her dependents, and determines that the sale of future payments does not violate any State or Federal statutes or existing court orders.

This Federal legislation is necessary to ensure compliance with State regulation given

the nationwide operation of the factoring industry, to encourage the remaining States to adopt the necessary regulatory legislation, and to put to rest tax uncertainties that factoring transactions have created for the other parties to the structured settlement.

I understand that the Act has the support of both the National Structured Settlements Trade Association on behalf of the structured settlement industry and the National Association of Settlement Purchasers on behalf of the factoring industry. Given this joint support, the legislation should be non-controversial.

We have worked hard on a bipartisan basis to resolve this issue. I strongly urge that we move forward to enact this bipartisan legislation as soon as possible.

#### TRIBUTE TO HERMOSA BEACH POLICE CHIEF VAL STRASSER

#### HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, a man with an even bigger heart retired March 31 as chief of police for the city of Hermosa Beach.

Chief Val Strasser served the community tirelessly. Joining the Hermosa Beach police force on September 16, 1973, he was promoted through the ranks until he was appointed chief in July 1993. During the course of his career, he made many friends and I am proud to be counted among them.

Chief Strasser was the epitome of community policing. He is remembered for fostering close ties between the department and the community. He understood that for law enforcement to be successful, it has to enlist all citizens and recruit them to be vigilant.

Chief Strasser had an open-door policy and encouraged citizens to drop in without an appointment to share their concerns, offer advice, or just plain complain. He always received them warmly and always tried to be responsive. Along the way, he made many, many friends and admirers.

Mr. Speaker, the city of Hermosa Beach is known for its surf, sand, and sea. Because of the leadership of Chief Strasser and the dedication of his officers and civilian personnel, Hermosa Beach is also a safe city where residents and visitors can enjoy its small town quaintness as well as its diverse cultural and recreational opportunities.

Val Strasser will be remembered fondly by residents and this Member of Congress. I join in wishing the best to Chief Strasser and his wife, Becky, as they look forward to their retirement years together.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DR. THOMAS E. STARZL

#### HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to Dr. Thomas E. Starzl, a pioneer in the field of organ transplantation, on this year's 20th anniversary of the first liver transplant performed in Pittsburgh.

Born on March 11, 1926 in LeMars, Iowa, Dr. Starzl received a bachelor's degree in biology at Westminster College before going on to earn a master's degree in anatomy, a Ph.D. in neurophysiology, and an M.D. with distinction at Northwestern University Medical School. Following postgraduate work and a number of surgical fellowships and residencies, he returned to Northwestern University to serve on its faculty. Dr. Starzl moved on to the University of Colorado School of Medicine in 1962, and performed the world's first human liver transplant the following year.

Dr. Starzl joined the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, which already had an established kidney transplant program, in 1981 as a professor of surgery. On February 26 of that year he performed the region's first liver transplant. Amazingly, of the 30 transplant patients that first year, 11 are still alive today because of Dr. Starzl's commitment to the great promise of the procedure despite earlier failed attempts.

A major factor in the success of organ transplantation is the development of immunosuppressant drugs. Dr. Starzl was instrumental in this development, which advanced transplantation to an accepted form of treatment for patients with end-stage diseases of the liver, kidney and heart. It also shed light on the possibility that other organs could be successfully transplanted.

With Dr. Starzl as chief, the University of Pittsburgh transplant program soon became the largest in the world. In the past two decades, over 11,300 transplants have been performed at UPMC Presbyterian, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, and the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, and major advances by university faculty have had a tremendous impact on the entire field of transplantation. Among the countless "firsts" for this transplant program are the world's first multivisceral transplant, heart/liver transplant, and heart/liver/kidney transplant.

From the first successful liver transplant in 1967, through the development of surgical techniques and anti-rejection drugs that revolutionized the field, to his pioneering efforts at xenotransplantation, Dr. Starzl is among the most cited scientists in the field of clinical medicine. Now retired from clinical practice, he continues to influence all aspects of organ transplantation as director emeritus of the institute that now bears his name, the Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring Dr. Tom Starzl for his tireless devotion and countless accomplishments in the field of organ transplantation.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ALBERT TAITANO CARBULLIDO

#### HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the island of Guam bids farewell to an esteemed public servant. Albert Taitano Carbullido, a colleague in the field of government service and public administration, passed away on March 23, 2001, at the age of eighty-two.

He was born on January 19, 1919, in the village of Agat, Guam—the son of Antonio

Pangelinan and Maria Taitano Carbullido. On September 23, 1945, he married the former Nieves Pangelinan Martinez. They had eight children: Concepcion, Bernadita, Catalina, Clara, Jaime, Sylvia, Paulina, and Antonio. He was the patriarch of his family—greatly loved by his children and grandchildren. He touched the lives of many nephews, nieces and their children. He understood the meaning of family and served as a role model for parenting on Guam.

Mr. Carbullido's legacy lies in the field of community and public service. He served in executive capacities for the Guam legislature, the Guam Election Commission and the Guam Housing and Urban Renewal Authority. He was also chosen to sit in a number of Government of Guam boards and commissions. He was a member of the Chamorro Heritage Foundation, the Guam Economic Development Authority, and the Agency for Human Resource and Development. He also served as the Arbitrator for the Guam Federation of Teachers (GFT)/Department of Education Grievance Board. In addition to his government service, his record also includes employment in the private sector where he worked in various capacities for the Bank of America, the Bank of Guam, and James Lee Enterprises.

Civic activities and affiliations led Mr. Carbullido towards leadership posts in a number of the island's civic organizations. Aside from being the founder of the Guam Diabetes Association, he was also active with Rotary Club of Guam and the Young Men's League of Guam. Within the Roman Catholic Church, he served as a Eucharistic Minister. He belonged to the parish of Our Lady of the Waters in Mongmong. He was also a member of the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus.

I personally knew Mr. Carbullido for nearly 30 years. He was the quintessential public servant. He provided public service in a number of capacities and he did so with a dignity and demeanor which was inspiring. He was honest, dignified, intelligent and conscientious. He was an excellent role model. We all had notions about his political loyalties, but politics always took a back seat to public service in all of the positions which he took on during his life.

Albert Taitano Carbullido leaves behind not only a grateful wife and family, but a grateful island. I join his family in celebrating his life, honoring his achievements and mourning the loss of a husband, father, community leader, and fellow public servant.

#### TRIBUTE TO ESTHER KRISTOFF

#### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and esteem that I congratulate Esther Kristoff on her retirement from the Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council after 32 years of service as the executive director. Esther has dedicated her career to providing the guidance that our children need, a service that is far too rare in today's society. She will be honored at a retirement celebration to be held on April 30, 2001.

Esther Kristoff has enjoyed an outstanding career with the Girl Scouts of the Calumet

Council. When she became the executive director in 1969, she had already devoted over 16 years to the organization. She has held a myriad of positions, from troop leader and troop organizer to member of the Board of Directors. Esther has given innumerable hours of service to the Girl Scouts, but it is the quality of her work that is most impressive. She has received every one of the local Girl Scout Council awards that were available to her, including the Appreciation and Honor Pins and Thanks Badges I and II for outstanding service to both the Council and the surrounding community. In 1998, she received the Girl Scout service pin for 45 years of devoted service.

A graduate of Purdue University Calumet in Hammond, Indiana, Esther has undergone extensive training in the field of management. She has trained at such highly regarded institutions as Columbia University and Harvard University. She has also learned tremendously from her instruction experiences at Case Western Reserve University and the GSUSA Training Center in New York. The knowledge she gained from these programs has enabled her to become a true leader within the Council and the community.

Esther's history of volunteerism is impressive and praiseworthy. She has held a variety of positions and enjoys sharing her experiences with others. She served as president of the Hammond Woodmar Kiwanis from 1993-1995 and was recognized for her outstanding work and loyal service. She is an active member and secretary of the executive committee at the Lake Area United Way. Esther has also volunteered her time to work with local political leaders for the improvement of her community. She has worked with the Hammond mayor's office on several committees, the latest being the Hammond Marketing Committee. While on this committee she helped to organize the Keep Hammond Beautiful program and the Hammond Pride Week celebration. Esther has also served as a guest speaker for the Hammond Historical Society and as a volunteer speaker for the Lake Area United Way speaker's bureau.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Esther Kristoff as she celebrates her retirement from the Girl Scouts of the Calumet Council after 48 years of service and 32 years of service as the executive director. Her commitment to the youth of Northwest Indiana should be recognized and must be commended. She has dedicated her life and her career to helping others, and her efforts will surely be missed.

#### THE MONUMENT TO FRIENDSHIP, CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA

#### HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the value of true friendship is too easy to lose sight of in today's society. We work so hard to provide for ourselves and our families, that we too often take for granted the selfless and generous deeds done by our closest friends.

I am proud to say Cartersville, Georgia, is home to an eternal reminder of the invaluable gift of unconditional friendship: The Monument to Friendship.

The monument's distinction as the world's only known memorial dedicated to friendship, is just part of its unique story. Mark A. Cooper, who created the monument in 1860, deserves a special place in the annals of Georgia history in his own right. A pioneer of one of Georgia's first railroad and ironworks ventures, Cooper laid the groundwork for the industrial and agricultural development of the Etowah River area of northwest Georgia, in the mid-19th century.

Ironically, Mark Cooper's Etowah Iron Works only survived the region's pre-Civil War economic slowdown because of a loan from 38 of his friends. After repaying the generous loan in full, Cooper honored his creditors with this timeless marble monument.

As if his business and community development endeavors were not enough, Cooper shone as a celebrated volunteer soldier, a longtime state legislator, and a U.S. Congressman. He served on the Board of Trustees of the University of Georgia for 40 years until his death in 1885.

The Monument to Friendship embodies noble Georgia values, just as Mark A. Cooper's memory personifies the ideal Georgia citizen. I join in recognizing the importance of a monument to all of our truest friends.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE MEDICARE MENTAL HEALTH MODERNIZA- TION ACT OF 2001

#### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 4, 2001

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, today I join with Senator WELLSTONE and my House colleagues to introduce legislation that is long overdue. The Medicare Mental Health Modernization Act of 2001 does just what its title says—it updates and improves Medicare mental health benefits, removing the many roadblocks to treatment faced by seniors and people with disabilities.

This comprehensive legislation modernizes Medicare mental health coverage in three important areas:

Parity for Mental Health Services. Current benefit structure discriminates against people seeking treatment for mental health and substance abuse conditions. In effect, Medicare imposes a "mental health tax" by requiring a 50 percent co-pay for outpatient mental health services instead of the 20 percent co-pay required for most other Part B medical services. In addition, there is a 190 day lifetime cap on psychiatric hospital services—even though no similar cap on inpatient services exists for any other health condition. These discrepancies perpetuate the stigma surrounding mental illness and must be eliminated.

Our bill would eliminate the discriminatory 190 day lifetime cap and reduce the 50 percent co-pay for outpatient mental health services to the 20 percent level enjoyed for other Part B medical services.

Coverage of Community-Based Mental Health Services. Not only does our nation's largest healthcare program impose discriminatory limits and copayments, its overall mental health benefit package is outdated and inadequate. The net result is that seniors and people with disabilities don't have access to the

latest, most cost-effective mental health treatments.

In the past few decades, there have been tremendous advances in mental health diagnosis and treatment. We know that mental health conditions are like other health conditions. With appropriate treatment, some conditions can be resolved entirely while others require lifelong management. The same is true for physical illnesses like diabetes or multiple sclerosis. Furthermore, as the 1999 Surgeon General's report concludes, "a wide variety of community-based services are of proven value for even the most severe mental illnesses." Yet with few meager exceptions, Medicare mental health benefits have remained virtually unchanged since they were enacted in 1965.

To correct these flaws, the Medicare Mental Health Modernization Act would allow beneficiaries to access a range of community-based residential and outpatient services that appropriately reflect the state-of-the-art in mental health treatment.

For example, although inpatient psychiatric services remain important, community-based crisis programs provide an evidence-based alternative to institutional care. Recognizing that fact, our bill would create Medicare coverage for up to 120 days/year for intensive residential services, such as mental illness residential treatment programs and substance abuse treatment centers.

In addition, for the relatively small percentage of Medicare beneficiaries with the most serious and disabling mental illnesses, this legislation would make available a range of intensive outpatient services. Research confirms that these innovative services provide necessary skill training and supports that help people with brain disorders, such as schizophrenia and bi-polar disorder, function better. In fact, costly inpatient hospitalizations can be reduced by as much as 60 percent. Examples of intensive outpatient services include Programs of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT), psychiatric rehabilitation, and intensive case-management.

Improved Beneficiary Access to Medicare-Covered Services. The Medicare Mental Health Modernization Act would also address professional shortages and potentially discriminatory coverage criteria that can leave vulnerable beneficiaries unable to access care. According to the Surgeon General, the supply of well-trained mental health professionals also is inadequate in many areas of the country, especially in rural areas. Particularly keen shortages are found in the numbers of mental health professionals serving . . . older people."

The Medicare Mental Health Modernization Act addresses these professional shortages by allowing marriage and family therapists and mental health counselors who are licensed or certified at the state level to provide Medicare-covered services. It also ensures that clinical social workers can continue to provide psychotherapy in nursing homes by allowing them to bill Medicare directly for these services as psychiatrists and clinical psychologists can do. Finally, because coverage criteria for therapy services require beneficiaries to demonstrate "continuing clinical improvement," our bill would mandate a study to determine whether these criteria discriminate against people with Alzheimer's disease and related mental illnesses.

There is no question that our country's senior citizens and people with disabilities have

significant mental health and substance abuse needs. Consider data from the 1999 Surgeon General's report on mental health and the 2001 Robert Wood Johnson report on substance abuse:

Major depression is strikingly prevalent among older people. In primary care settings, 37 percent of senior citizens demonstrate symptoms of depression and impaired social functioning. Furthermore, older people have the highest rate of suicide of any age group—accounting for 20 percent of all suicide deaths.

About 20 percent of individuals age 55 and older experience specific mental disorders that are not part of normal aging. Unrecognized and untreated depression, Alzheimer's disease, anxiety, late-onset schizophrenia, and other mental conditions can lead to severe impairment and even death.

Older Americans tend to underutilize mental health services—only 50 percent of those who acknowledge mental health problems receive treatment.

Approximately 17 percent of adults over 65 suffer from addiction or substance abuse, particularly alcohol and prescription drug abuse. While addiction often goes undetected and untreated among older adults, aging and disability makes the body more vulnerable to the effects of alcohol and drugs, further exacerbating other age-related health problems.

Nearly 1 out of every 4 Medicare dollars spent on inpatient hospital care is associated with substance abuse.

About 5 percent of American adults experience a serious mental illness that is disabling with respect to employment, self-care, and interpersonal relationships. In fact, nearly 90 percent of people with serious mental illnesses are unemployed.

Nearly one-third of non-elderly, disabled Medicare beneficiaries have a primary diagnosis of mental illness.

Polymakers on both sides of the aisle agree that Medicare's mental health benefits are woefully inadequate and out-of-date—yet none of the current Medicare reform proposals specifically address mental health. As a country, will we continue to stigmatize mental illness and deny elderly and disabled individuals access to mental health services that can improve their health and well-being? To me, the bottom line is clear—mental health modernization must be part of any fundamental Medicare reform.

On a national level, there is positive movement in this direction. On January 1, 2001, an executive order brought parity to 9 million Federal employees, retirees, and their dependents—providing them with improved mental health benefits equal to those for physical conditions. Most states and even many large corporations now recognize that unequal coverage for mental illnesses is not only discriminatory, but costs more money in the long run.

That's because untreated mental illness can lead to high cost hospitalization and crime—not to mention personal and family suffering, suicide, homelessness, lost productivity, and partial or total disability. These comprise the "indirect" costs of untreated mental illness. Together, these direct and indirect costs are tremendous. Yet over the past decade, spending for mental health care has declined relative to overall health spending and accounts for a mere 7 percent of total health expenditures.

The Medicare Mental Health Modernization Act is an important step forward in providing comprehensive mental health coverage for

senior citizens and people with disabilities. It ends Medicare's longstanding discriminatory mental health benefits and recognizes that state-of-the-art mental health care takes place in the community. This bill will assure that the mental health needs of elderly and disabled Americans are more fully addressed.

A range of mental health advocacy organizations representing consumers, family members, and professionals has endorsed this bill. These include: American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry; American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists; American Association of Pastoral Counselors; American Association of Suicidology; American Counseling Association; American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; American Group Psychotherapy Association; American Mental Health Counselors Association; American Occupational Therapy Association; American Orthopsychiatric Association; American Psychological Association; Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Health; Association for the Advancement of Psychology; Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law; Clinical Social Work Federation; International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services; Kristin Brooks Hope Center; National Alliance for the Mentally Ill; National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders; National Association of County Behavioral Health Directors; National Association of Psychiatric Health Systems; National Association of School Psychologists; National Association of Social Workers; National Mental Health Association; National Resource Center for Suicide Prevention and Aftercare; Suicide Awareness/Voices of Education; Suicide Prevention and Advocacy Network; Suicide Prevention Services of Illinois; The National Hopeline Network 1-800-SUICIDE; and Tourette Syndrome Association.

I urge my colleagues to join us in support of this important legislation.

#### A TRIBUTE TO REDONDO BEACH COUNCILMAN BOB PINZLER

#### HON. JANE HARMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Ms. HARMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Pinzler for his outstanding service to the citizens of Redondo Beach, California.

As a member of the Redondo Beach City Council for the past eight years, Bob demonstrated a profound commitment to civic service. He is known as a relentless advocate of better city government. He championed more effective use of technology by municipalities. He fought for infrastructure improvements and community development projects whose positive impacts have been felt throughout the City of Redondo Beach and indeed the entire South Bay.

Responding to his constituents' concerns about increased noise, pollution and traffic resulting from proposed expansion of Los Angeles International Airport, Bob worked with me and other civic leaders and elected officials on a task force shaping a regional approach to solving Southern California's air transportation needs. Our work continues, but Bob has made an invaluable contribution. I know that we will continue to work together on this issue.

In addition to his service on the Redondo Beach City Council, Bob is the current State League Director of the League of California Cities and was President of the League's Los Angeles County Division. He is the past president of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments. He is a member of the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments and was vice-chair of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project.

Bob is a friend and an ally. I extend my very best wishes to him and his wife Arlene as they move into an exciting new chapter of their lives. It has always been a privilege to work with Bob and I invite my colleagues to join me in commending his exemplary public service.

#### ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

### HON. JOHN P. MURTHA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. MURTHA. Mr. Speaker, I want to express concern about the increasing challenges facing health care providers, both hospitals and long-term care providers. Pressed by continued government underfunding, inadequate managed care payments, exploding professional liability costs, growing numbers of uninsured, and workforce shortages, these providers are struggling to meet community needs. Access to care is being threatened.

At the federal level, we have been trying to right the wrongs created when the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 cut millions of dollars in Medicare payments to hospitals. We have made progress to return some of this money, but more must be done.

And to succeed, we need the continued support of all elements. I've spoken with Pennsylvania hospital administrators about efficiency, and Pennsylvania now has the second most cost-efficient system in the Nation. Costs in Pennsylvania acute care hospitals are 6 to 7 percent below their expected costs. Also I've spoken with Governor Ridge and Pennsylvania legislators about growing problems with nurse shortages, long-term care, and care for children and pregnant women and encouraged more support from the Commonwealth to help meet costs and address these problems.

In addition, a special independent Pennsylvania Legislative Budget and Finance Committee study released recently shows that hospitals' financial condition continues to deteriorate, and that Pennsylvania is paying only 74 cents for each dollar of Medical Assistance care provided.

The study reveals Pennsylvania hospital margins have deteriorated markedly since 1997, with total margins dropping to 2.4% in 1999 and operating margins averaging only .03%. Nationwide, total hospital margins in 1999 were 4.65% and operating margins were 1.07%.

The low margins in Pennsylvania's hospitals are not due to cost inefficiency since costs in Pennsylvania acute care hospitals are 6 to 7 percent below their expected costs. Pennsylvania hospitals are the second most cost efficient in the nation.

And add to the overall cost problem the fact that professional liability costs will go up this year a minimum of 35 to 50 percent and that

we have a decreasing payment-to-cost ratio of commercial insurers, and a growing uninsured rate, the writing is on the wall. No organization can continue to survive and provide all the services our citizens need.

On the long-term care side, two reports delivered last week to the Pennsylvania Intra-Governmental Council on Long-Term Care revealed that Pennsylvania and long-term care providers must find new ways to raise the pay and status of long-term care workers or face an extended workforce crisis. There is a worker shortage across the "spectrum of elder services" that affects access to care and quality of care for our elderly. Turnover rates are skyrocketing. If we do not get a handle on this problem today, we will have a vulnerable population of seniors counting on a broken system that can't deliver.

Over one-third of long-term care providers reported serious problems finding and keeping direct-care workers. More than 40 percent of private nursing homes and home-care and home-health agencies report a serious problem with either recruitment or retention of workers.

We have Area Agencies on Aging with growing waiting lists because people can't arrange home services for needy clients. Nursing homes are looking to temp agencies to fill vacancies among staff aides, and between one-third and one-fourth of the long-term care workforce in the state have less than one year's experience with their employer.

Currently about 94,000 Pennsylvanians are employed by more than 3,400 providers to help dress, feed, bathe and transport frail elderly persons. Low pay and low respect are to blame. Combine these issues with a growing demand for services and we find long-term care providers in a major dilemma.

We have the second largest senior population in Pennsylvania and an ever-growing number of seniors over the age of 80. Access to healthcare and all forms of long-term care are critical. Pennsylvania leaders, Congress and health care professionals must all work together to resolve these problems.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE LATE HONORABLE ADRIAN C. SANCHEZ

### HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to make note of the recent passing of the Honorable Adrian C. Sanchez, a distinguished member of the Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Guam Legislatures. He leaves behind his widow, Young, his children Doris, Diana, Josephine, and Adrian.

Senator Sanchez was born on September 26, 1919 in the village of Hagåtña—the son of Simon Angeles and Antonia Cruz Sanchez. A product of the Guam public school system, he attended Padre Palomo Elementary, Leary Middle School and Seaton Schroeder Junior High School. He later received an Associate's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Guam and a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the Western States University.

His diverse and distinguished career began prior to World War II when he worked as a

surveyor for the local Department of Records and Accounts. Between 1936 and 1938, he was employed as a school teacher by the Department of Education. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1938 and served until his retirement in 1964. While in the Navy, he had the chance to serve in various capacities. He was the School Administrator for the Northern Marianas immediately after World War II and he also served as a member of the President's staff from 1958 until 1964. A veteran of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, he attained the rank of Master Chief Petty Officer—the highest enlisted rank in the United States Navy.

Upon his retirement, Senator Sanchez came back to Guam and was employed as the Assistant Director for the Department of Public Health and Social Services. Prior to his election to the Guam Legislature in 1970, he also served as Director of the Guam Department of Corrections and Deputy Director of the Guam Department of Public Works.

Senator Sanchez held office for three consecutive terms. As a Senator, he was known for his dedication towards the proliferation of the local culture. He is credited for having a day set aside to commemorate Guam's initial contact with European culture. Through his efforts, Discovery Day is now a local holiday celebrated with much fanfare in the village of Umatac.

Although the Senator retired from public service in 1976, his interest in the island's affairs led to memberships in a number of Government of Guam boards and commissions. He was appointed to the Territorial Planning Commission, the Guam Commission of Public Safety, the Guam Visitor's Bureau and the Guam Banking Commission. In addition to this, his civic and community involvement included active participation with the Guam Chapter of the American Cancer Society, the TB & Health Association, the Sons and Daughters of Guam Club in San Diego, the Guam Press Club, the Young Men's League of Guam, the Tamuning Church Holy Name Society and the Former Senators Association. As a military veteran, he also held memberships with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Fleet Reserve Association and the Guam Navy Club.

Having been a real estate broker and investor since 1970, Senator Sanchez was also a respected member of the local business community. He was affiliated with the Guam Board of Realtors, the National Association of Realtors, the Environmental Assessment Association, the International Institute of Valuers and the National Association of Review Appraisers and Mortgage Underwriters.

His dedication towards conveying the unique story of his people led Senator Sanchez to author a number of books. "Two Lovers Point" was published in 1971. Its second edition "Two Lovers Point or Puntan Dos Amantes" was released in 1991. In 1990, he wrote "The Chamorro Brown Steward" and his autobiography, "Dano I.", was published in 1993. For his work and accomplishments, Senator Sanchez received numerous awards—the most notable of which was the Governor's Lifetime Art Award.

Senator Adrian C. Sanchez leaves a great legacy of service and devotion to the island and people of Guam. A noted figure in field of education, military and public service, his accomplishments provide inspiration to us and

the generations yet to come. His perseverance and energy will forever live in our hearts. We will miss him. Adios, Senator Sanchez.

UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF  
CARPENTERS AND JOINERS

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great admiration and respect that I offer congratulations to some of Northwest Indiana's most dedicated and talented workers. On Saturday, April 7, 2001 the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local 599 in Hammond, Indiana will honor those members who have served for 25 years or more during their annual pin presentation award ceremony. Devoted to their craft, these skilled employees represent the hard work and blue-collar work ethic for which the citizens of Northwest Indiana pride themselves.

Local 599, led by President Dan Brown, will celebrate tenures ranging from 25 years to 65 years of service. Those members who will be honored for 65 years of service include: John A. Horvath and Richard C. Simpson. The carpenters who will be honored for 60 years of service include: Aaron F. Droke, Marvin Eriks, and Frank Heitzman. Those members who will be honored for 55 years of service include: Arnold Austgen, Edward J. Behling, Benjamin Boreland, Kenneth L. Brown, Lowell J. Goubeaux, Ralph Govert, Julius Housty, Harold Huntington, Lowell F. Lantrip, Sammy Maniscalco, Chester Przybyla, Lowell Swim, and Leonard Wolak. Those who will be honored for 50 years of service include: Charles Adair, Alan A. Burrell, Thomas J. Devich, Leslie W. Drake, John E. Hoffman, and Richard J. Wilson. Those who will be honored for 45 years of service include: Larnie J. Duncan, Leonard R. Geissendorfer, Chester E. Graham, Alan I. Hausworth, Joseph H. Hindahl, and Donald W. Scholte. John E. Blink will be honored for 40 years of service. Those members who will be honored for 35 years of service include: William J. Courtright, James Jendreas, Kenneth G. Krooswyk, Billy G. Mayo, John P. Potucek, John L. Powers, and John S. Sikich. The members who will be honored for 30 years of service include: Kenneth E. Collmar, Ronald L. Graham, Charles A. Maddox, and Albert J. Ovaert. Finally, those members who will be honored for 25 years of service include: Edward Cisarik, Dennis J. Fleener, James W. Hawk, Gregory F. Murzyn, Kenneth D. Shunway, Denzel K. Taylor, and Darryl A. Tharp.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These workers are all outstanding examples of each. They have mastered their trade and have consistently performed at the highest level throughout their careers. They have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their hard work and self-sacrifice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated, hardworking, and honorable members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local 599 in Hammond, Indiana. They, along with all the

local unions in Northwest Indiana, represent the backbone of our economic community, and I am very proud to represent them in Washington. They truly are the cornerstone of America's success.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LOCKHEED-MARTIN PLANT IN MARIETTA, GEORGIA

**HON. BOB BARR**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, there is a long list of places most Americans associate with the great efforts expended by our military to create, nurture, and protect democracy. That list includes names like Bunker Hill, Bellau Woods, Midway, Normandy, Chosin, Da Nang, and Kuwait City.

In my opinion, there is another location that is rarely listed on the rolls of great American military efforts, but has more than earned a place there. That place is Marietta, Georgia, home of Lockheed-Martin Aeronautical Systems Company.

This month, Lockheed-Martin will celebrate the 50th anniversary of its plant in Marietta, Georgia. During those years, the plant, and the men and women who have worked in it, have contributed immeasurably to the survival and prosperity of our nation.

Lockheed's Marietta plan began life as a factory for Bell Aircraft during World War II. By the end of World War II, the Bell plant was the biggest employer in Georgia, with over 28,000 employees. According to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, more than one of every 20 people living in the metro Atlanta area at the end of the war worked for Bell.

In 1951, with the challenge of World War II behind us, and a new Cold War developing, the Bell plant was taken over by Lockheed. Planes manufactured under Lockheed's tenure include America's first production bomber, the B-47 Stratojet, the P-3 Orion subhunter, and the mighty C-5, C-141, and C-130 transports. More recently, the plant has been selected as the final assembly site for America's next generation air dominance fighter, the F-22 Raptor.

These aircraft are some of the most storied names in the history of American military aviation. They have cleared the skies of enemy fighters, deterred nuclear attacks on our shores, carried troops safely to battle, supplied them in the field, and saved the lives of countless wounded soldiers.

I hope all Members of the United States Congress will join me in offering a hearty "thank you" to the men and women of Lockheed-Martin Aeronautical Systems Company, in Marietta, Georgia, who continue to design, build, and repair the aircraft that keep America free and our fighting forces in command.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO FEDERAL  
CANDIDATES BY U.S. NATIONALS

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVAEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce legislation which will clarify campaign finance respect to contributions to federal candidates by U.S. nationals.

American Samoa is the only jurisdiction under U.S. authority in which a person can be born with the status of U.S. national, and over half of the residents of American Samoa are U.S. nationals but not citizens. A U.S. national is a person who owes his or her allegiance to the United States, but is not a citizen. U.S. nationals travel with U.S. passports and are eligible for permanent residence in the United States. They are not foreign citizens or foreign nationals. In fact, they have the same privileges and immunities as U.S. citizens, except that in the United States, they cannot hold public office, vote, serve as commissioned officers in the military services, hold certain security clearances, or hold positions which require high-level security clearances.

Mr. Speaker, federal campaign law currently specifies that U.S. citizens and permanent resident foreign nationals may make contributions to candidates for federal office. This section of law was enacted into law before American Samoa had a delegate in the House of Representatives. My concern is that if Congress changes this section of campaign finance law while we know of the U.S. national problem, our action could be interpreted to mean that Congress intended to prohibit non-citizen U.S. nationals from contributing to federal elections.

This would cause a major problem in American Samoa, because a majority of the residents of my Congressional district would be prohibited from contributing to candidates running for federal office, particularly the office of Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives. Moreover, the U.S. nationals residing in the states and other territories of the United States, estimated to be approximately 100,000 to 130,000, would also be prohibited from contributing. Few U.S. nationals are aware of the U.S. citizen/U.S. national distinction made in federal campaign laws, and many contribute to candidates for the U.S. House, U.S. Senate, and to candidates for U.S. President. One interpretation of the law could find these candidates in violation of campaign finance laws for having received contributions from persons not authorized under the law.

This substance of this bill passed the House in the 106th Congress as part of broader legislation on the subject of campaign finance reform, but the provision was not enacted into law. As we continue the debate the financing of federal elections, I hope that we will be able to clarify this point of law also.

TRIBUTE TO RUDY NICHOLS

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and esteem that I congratulate



Mr. Rudy Nichols and Mr. Lupe Valadez on their retirement from the United Steelworkers of America. Rudy has been a member of the USWA for over 45 years, while Lupe has served for over 50 years. These two men, along with their colleagues, help form the economic backbone for Northwest Indiana. Without their hard work and dedication, the communities of Northwest Indiana would indeed suffer. A retirement celebration will be held in their honor on April 21, 2001 at the Dynasty Banquet Center in Hammond, Indiana.

Rudy Nichols began his distinguished career at the age of 18 as an armature winder and motor inspector for Youngstown Sheet and Tube in East Chicago, Indiana in February, 1956. During that time, he became a member of USWA Local 1011 and served as an apprentice representative and shop steward. He later moved on to the Midwest Steel Division of National Steel in Portage, Indiana, where he became a member of Local 6103. Through his perseverance and undying loyalty he eventually became the president of the local, and served on several committees that were devoted to improving the quality of the workplace for its members. After 13 impressive years at National Steel, Rudy moved on to become the Safety and Health Coordinator for District 31 in August, 1978. He quickly moved up within the union and became the Sub District 4 Director, the position he currently holds. With Mary, his wife of 45 years, by his side, Rudy has watched as their two children, Walter and Rhonda, have grown to be outstanding citizens and parents of their own.

Lupe Valadez was the fourth of six sons born to Gerardo and Ventura Valadez on the south side of Chicago. After serving with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea, Lupe came home to follow in his father's footsteps and begin working at U.S. Steel South Works, where he immediately became heavily involved in USWA Local 65. He eventually went on to serve the local in many capacities, including Public Relations Director, Assistant Grievanceman, and three terms as Financial Secretary. After more than 20 years of devoted and outstanding service, District 31 Director Jack Parton recognized the important qualities that Lupe could bring to the District office and hired him as an organizer. Within ten short years Lupe became the Organizing Coordinator for District 31. When the union consolidated in 1995, he became the first Organizing Coordinator for District 7, which encompasses the states of Indiana and Illinois. Lupe's first concern, however, has always been his family. His loving wife Olivia, and sons Dino, Nick, Michael, and John Paul can usually be seen helping with the numerous activities he is coordinating.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Rudy Nichols and Lupe Valadez on their retirement from the United Steelworkers of America. Unions are a vital aspect of the communities of Northwest Indiana, and these two men have shown the loyalty, perseverance, and work ethic that allow the unions to thrive. Their efforts will surely be missed by their co-workers and the citizens of Northwest Indiana.

# COMMENDING THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION AND CLEAR CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced legislation commending the American Football Coaches Association and Clear Channel Communications for their dedication and efforts to protect children. These two organizations teamed up to provide a vital means for locating the Nation's missing, kidnapped and runaway children.

In 1997, the National Child Identification Program was created with the goal of fingerprinting 20 million children. This program provides a free fingerprint kit for parents. This ID Kit allows parents to take and store their child's fingerprints in their own home. This information then remains in the parents' possession. If it is ever needed, it gives authorities vital information to assist them in their efforts to locate a missing child.

In the program's first year, over 2 million identification kits were handed out at college football games across the country. Since that time, over 8 million of these kits have been distributed to parents. This is the largest child identification effort ever conducted.

Clear Channel Communications partnered with the American Football Coaches Association last September and has committed to raise millions of dollars to help provide a kit to every child in the country.

Mr. Speaker, I think our Nation would be a much better place if more organizations would join together like these have to help the innocent children in this country. Through this legislation, I would like to commend these two organizations for their efforts, and I hope my colleagues will join me as cosponsors of this bill.

## IN TRIBUTE TO SHEILA GONZALEZ

**HON. ELTON GALLEGLY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sheila Gonzalez, who is leaving her post this month as executive officer, clerk and jury commissioner for the courts of Ventura County, California, after 14 years of dedicated service.

Fortunately for my constituents in Ventura County and Santa Barbara County's Carpinteria, she won't be going far. Sheila has accepted a position as the first-ever regional administrative director of Southern California for California's Administrative Office of the Courts. As liaison between the state and trial courts on technology, finance, human resources and other issues, Sheila will serve 10 counties, including those in my district.

Southern California is fortunate to have a dedicated, hardworking and intelligent professional working for them.

Sheila began her career in 1968 as a deputy clerk at the Glendale Municipal Court. She

rose to court administrator before leaving in 1986 for her position as executive officer and clerk of the Ventura County Municipal Court. In 1989, the administrations and staffs of Ventura County's Municipal and Superior Courts combined, and the county's judges selected Sheila to oversee the new arrangement.

At Ventura County, Sheila earned a statewide reputation as a tireless administrator and innovator, which is why California recruited her for this new position. Among her innovations is the Taking the Courthouse to the Schoolroom program, which aims to educate students and teachers about the court system. She also chairs the Community Outreach Team.

Because of her dedication and innovative spirit, Sheila has received several prestigious awards. She received the 1993 Warren E. Burger Award for outstanding court achievement in court administration and the 1995 Judicial Council Distinguished Service Award for contributions to, and leadership in, the profession of judicial administration.

In addition, Sheila received the 1997 National Association for Court Management's Award of Merit for demonstrated leadership and excellence in administration and application of modern management and technological methods. In 1999, she received the Ernest C. Friesen Award of Excellence from the Justice Management Institute for vision, leadership and sustained commitment to the achievement of excellence in the administration of Justice.

She serves on numerous national, state and local associations, and has shared her expertise in numerous workshops and as a faculty member of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.

Mr. Speaker, I know my colleagues will join me in wishing Sheila our best as she moves into the next phase of her career, and in thanking her for making our courts accessible and efficient for all.

## CONGRATULATING NOTRE DAME'S WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

**HON. PETER T. KING**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 4, 2001*

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to note that Notre Dame is again a national champion. This past Sunday, Ruth Riley's two free throws with 5.8 seconds left secured a 68-66 victory over Purdue and gave the University of Notre Dame its first ever women's basketball national championship. Mr. Speaker, you can now add the names Riley, Ivey and McGraw to the rich tradition of Notre Dame athletics. The same institution which produced Rockne, the Four Horsemen and 21 national titles now has Muffet McGraw and a women's basketball national championship. It came down to two great teams, both struggling valiantly and never quitting. It truly was a classic confrontation. I want to commend Coach McGraw and the Fighting Irish for their class, grit and determination. Congratulations! Notre Dame is a winner again. Go Irish!

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 5, 2001 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## APRIL 24

- 9:30 a.m.  
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
Business meeting to consider nominations for certain positions within the Department of Agriculture.  
SD-562
- 10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Bureau of Reclamation, of the Department of the Interior, and Army Corps of Engineers.  
SD-124
- Appropriations  
Interior Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of the Interior.  
SD-138

## APRIL 25

- 9:30 a.m.  
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
To hold hearings on agricultural trade issues.  
SR-328A
- 10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Corporation for National and Community Service.  
SD-138
- Appropriations  
Defense Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of the Army.  
SD-192
- 1:30 p.m.  
Appropriations  
Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Agriculture.  
SD-138

## APRIL 26

- 9:30 a.m.  
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
To resume hearings on agricultural trade issues.  
SR-328A
- Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry  
To continue hearings on agricultural trade issues.  
SR-328A
- 2 p.m.  
Appropriations  
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.  
SD-124
- Armed Services  
SeaPower Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Defense and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on strategic airlift and sealift imperatives for the 21st Century.  
SR-232A

## MAY 1

- 10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for certain Department of Energy programs relating to Energy Efficiency Renewable Energy, science, and nuclear issues.  
SD-124
- Appropriations  
Interior Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.  
SD-138
- Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine the legal issues surrounding faith based solutions.  
SD-226

## MAY 2

- 10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Veterans' Affairs.  
SD-138

## MAY 3

- 10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Agriculture, focusing on assistance to producers and the farm economy.  
SD-138
- 2 p.m.  
Appropriations  
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for Department of Energy environmental management and the Office of Civilian Radio Active Waste Management.  
SD-124

## MAY 8

- 10 a.m.  
Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to genetics and biotechnology.  
SD-226
- Appropriations  
Interior Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Energy.  
Room to be announced

## MAY 9

- 10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.  
SD-138

## MAY 10

- 10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.  
SD-138

## MAY 15

- 10 a.m.  
Judiciary  
To hold hearings to examine high technology patents, relating to business methods and the internet.  
SD-226

## MAY 16

- 10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.  
SD-138

## JUNE 6

- 10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science Technology Policy.  
SD-138

## JUNE 13

- 10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Environmental Protection Agency and the Council of Environmental Quality.  
SD-138

## JUNE 20

- 10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2002 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.  
SD-138